

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate agreed to the Conference Reports to accompany H.R. 2555, Homeland Security Appropriations and H.R. 2657, Legislative Branch Appropriations, clearing the measures for the President.

House Committees ordered reported 19 Sundry measures.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2658, Department of Defense Appropriations for FY 2004.

The House passed H.R. 2557, Water Resources Development Act of 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11877–S11928

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1647–1654. **Pages S11912–13**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary During the 107th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 108–152)

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees Of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2004”. (S. Rept. No. 108–153)

S. 1640, to provide an extension of highway programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–154) **Page S11912**

District of Columbia Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11885–90**

Pending:

DeWine/Landrieu Amendment No. 1783, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11885–90**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, September, 25, 2003.

Homeland Security Department Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the

conference report on H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11891–97**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11898–S11900**

Defense Department Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 25, 2003, Senate begin consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Page S11900**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 363), Larry Alan Burns, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Pages S11897–98, S11928**

Messages From the House: **Pages S11909–10**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—363)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 25, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11900.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee held a hearing to examine the President's fiscal year 2004 supplemental request for Iraq and Afghanistan, receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; General Richard Myers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; General John Abizaid, Commanding General, U.S. Central Command; and Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Hearings continue on Thursday, September 25, 2003.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the United States Air Force Academy, including a reporting policy outlined in the Agenda for Change, and the proposed Cadets Advocating Sexual Integrity and Education (CASIE) program, after receiving testimony from former Representative Tillie K. Fowler, Colonel John W. Ripley, USMC (Ret.), Major General Michael J. Nardotti, Jr., USA (Ret.), Patton Boggs, and Sally L. Satel, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C., Josiah Bunting, III, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, and Anita M. Carpenter, Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA), and Laura L. Miller, RAND Corporation, both of Indianapolis, Indiana, all on behalf of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the United States Air Force Academy.

SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on the implementa-

tion of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (P.L. 107–204), designed to protect investors by improving accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws, focusing on reform of corporate governance, financial reporting and auditing, after receiving testimony from Samuel A. DiPiazza, Jr., PricewaterhouseCoopers, New York, New York; Edward Nusbaum, Grant Thornton, LLP, Chicago, Illinois; Sean Harrigan, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration, Sacramento; and William J. McDonough, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and Sarah Teslik, Council of Institutional Investors, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

A bill to provide for an extension of the Federal transit program pending the reauthorization of the program;

A bill to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, with an amendment; and A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy.

9/11 AFTERMATH/FEMA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the findings of the GAO concerning the Federal Emergency Management Agency's financial allocations and activities after the terrorist attacks on September 11th, and to conduct oversight on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's effectiveness since becoming part of the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Richard L. Skinner, Deputy Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; Dale W. Shipley, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Columbus, on behalf of the National Emergency Management Association; and Bud Larson, New York City Office of Management and Budget, New York.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a five year plan for the current situation in Iraq, focusing on the President's proposed supplement request, after receiving testimony

from L. Paul Bremer, Administrator, Coalition Provisional Authority for Iraq.

DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing regarding the development of democratic institutions in Iraq and the Middle East, focusing on the political process, transitional justice, civil service, and economic decision making, after receiving testimony from Noah Feldman, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; Phebe Marr, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.; Isam al Khafaji, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands; and Rami G. Khouri, Daily Star, Beirut, Lebanon.

SOCIAL SECURITY: GOVERNMENT PENSION OFFSET/WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine discrimination against employees and retirees relating to social security government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions, focusing on the purpose of these provisions, how they work and issues that should be evaluated when considering legislative changes, after receiving testimony from Senator Feinstein; Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Charles L. Fallis, National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Alexandria, Virginia; Kenneth Rocks, Fraternal Order of Police, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Julia Worcester, Columbia, Maine.

CIVIC EDUCATION STANDARDS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine conflicts taking place over state history standards and history textbooks, focusing on how standards and textbooks influence education, after receiving testimony from Sandra Stotsky, Massachusetts Department of Edu-

cation, Malden; Robert Hagopian, Scotts Valley Middle School, Scotts Valley, California; and Diane Ravitch, New York University, and Gilbert Sewall, American Textbook Council, both of New York, New York.

INDIAN CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1601, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations, after receiving testimony from Woodro Hopper, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Management-Indian Affairs; Charles W. Grim, Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark Lewis, Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmobi, Arizona; Garland Brunoe, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Warm Springs; and Terry L. Cross, National Indian Child Welfare Association, Portland, Oregon.

ELDER ABUSE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Corrections and Victims Rights concluded a hearing to examine elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, focusing on law enforcement measures to prevent the victimization of the elderly, after receiving testimony from Daniel L. Mihalko, Inspector In Charge, Congressional and Public Affairs, United States Postal Inspection Service; James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Christopher D. Chiles, Cabell County, West Virginia, on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association; James A. Wright, National Sheriffs Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Lori A. Stiegel, Commission on Law and Aging, on behalf of the American Bar Association, and Douglas C. Holbrook, AARP, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3157–3176; and; 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 69; H. Con. Res. 288, and H. Res. 378 were introduced.

Pages H8904–05

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H8905–06

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, (H. Rept. 108–283).

H. Res. 377, providing for the recommittal of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, (H. Rept. 108–284). **Pages H8500–8784, H8904**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8493**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. David Shibley, President, Global Advance in Dallas, Texas. **Page H8493**

Department of Defense Appropriation Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 513. **Pages H8784–93**

Earlier agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider the conference report, that all points of order against it be waived, and that it be considered as read. **Page H8784**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 515. **Pages H8793–8802**

Rejected the Sabo motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions by a yeas-and-nays vote of 198 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 514. **Pages H8801–02**

Agreed to H. Res. 374, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by a voice vote. **Pages H8495–8500**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2004 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 371 yeas to 56 nays, Roll No. 517. **Pages H8802–15**

Rejected the Moran of Virginia motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions by a yeas-and-nays vote of 202 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 516. **Pages H8814–15**

Agreed by unanimous consent on Tuesday, September 23, that it be in order at any time to consider the conference report, that all points of order against it be waived, and that it be considered as read.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Extending certain expiring provisions: H.R. 3146, amended, to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes; **Pages H8815–19**

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003: H.R. 3087, amended, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. **Pages H8819–30**

Water Resources Development Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 2557, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, by a recorded vote of 412 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 519. **Pages H8833–78**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and was agreed to by unanimous consent. **Page H8840**

Agreed to:

Duncan amendment that makes technical and conforming changes to project-related provisions and authorizes or modifies additional projects (agreed to by voice vote). **Pages H8866–71**

Duncan amendment offered by unanimous consent and agreed to by unanimous consent that strikes the last sentence of section 3090 dealing with the Roanoke River Upper Basin, Virginia, that states that the Secretary shall award contracts based on invitation-for-bid procedures. **Page H8878**

Rejected:

Rohrabacher amendment that sought to modify the bill language to permit ports to collect tonnage

fees for local harbor purposes (rejected by a recorded vote of 65 ayes to 359 noes, Roll No. 518).

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Withdrawn:

Kind amendment, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have required the Army Corps of Engineers to mitigate habitats lost from the construction of Corps projects.

Pages H8876–77

H. Res. 375, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

Pages H8831–33

Motion to go to Conference—Energy and Water Development Appropriations: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Hobson, Frelinghuysen, Latham, Wamp, Emerson, Doolittle, Peterson (PA), Simpson, Young (FL), Visclosky, Edwards, Pastor, Clyburn, Berry, and Obey.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Pallone announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act.

Pages H8879–80

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Kind motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

Pages H8880–87

Representative Sandlin announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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National Defense Authorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Crowley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

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Order of Business—H.J. Res. 69: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order to consider in the House H.J. Res. 69, joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

Order of Business—H.R. 3161: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House H.R. 3161, to ratify the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to establish a do-not-call registry; that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment; the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Energy and Commerce; and (2) one motion to recommit.

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H8493, H8878–79, H8887.

Senate Referral: S. 1404 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW CROP INSURANCE—PROGRAM CROPS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review crop insurance for program crops. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST—IRAQ

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Supplemental Request for Iraq. Testimony was heard from Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq and Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority; and Lt. Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Command, Department of Defense.

REPORT OF PANEL—AIR FORCE ACADEMY—SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on the final report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Testimony was heard from Tillie Fowler, Chair, and members of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

FAIRNESS TO CONTACT LENS CONSUMERS ACT; INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3140, Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act; and H.R. 3143, International Consumer Protection Act of 2003.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE—FUTURE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "The Future of Universal Service." Testimony was heard from Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner, FCC; Bob Rowe, Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of Montana; Billy Jack Gregg, Director, Consumer Advocate Division, Public Service Commission, State of West Virginia; and public witnesses.

HAMAS ASSET FREEZE—OTHER EFFORTS TO STOP TERRORIST FINANCING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Hamas Asset Freeze and Other Government Efforts to Stop Terrorist Financing." Testimony was heard from David Aufhauser, General Counsel, Department of the Treasury; E. Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary, Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; John Pistole, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and Marcy Forman, Deputy Assistant Director, Financial Investigations Division, Department of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2886, Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing entitled "Improving USAID Financial Management." Testimony was heard from the following officials of AID, Department of State: John Marshall, Assistant Administrator, Management and Chief Information Officer; and Everett Mosley, Inspector General; and Gregory Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY NET

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled

"A Medicare Prescription Drug Safety Net: Creating a Target Benefit for Low-Income Seniors." Testimony was heard from Representative Dooley of California; and public witnesses.

CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sensenbrenner, Dreier, Frost, Baird and Miller of Michigan; Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State, Minnesota; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1417, amended, Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2003; H.R. 2359, amended, Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2003; H.R. 2620, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 2685, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the Matching Grant Program for School Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 268, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries; H.R. 135, amended, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003; H.R. 408, amended, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes; H.R. 884, amended, Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act; H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa; H.R. 1092, amended, Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2003; H.R. 1204, amended, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties; H.R. 1442, amended, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center Act; H.R. 1521, amended,

Johnstown Flood National Memorial Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 1598, Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003; H.R. 2048, amended, International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore; H.R. 2696, amended, Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2003; and H.R. 3062, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately for the same area, a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas.

**RESOLUTION—RECOMMIT CONFERENCE
REPORT TO ACCOMPANY FLIGHT 100—
CENTURY OF AVIATION
REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that upon adoption of the rule, the conference report to accompany H.R. 2115, Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, shall be recommitted to the conference committee. Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2115, Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act.

**OVERSIGHT—REPORT ON SAFETY OF
FAA'S CONTRACT TOWER PROGRAM**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on the DOT Inspector General's September 4th Report on the Safety of the FAA's Contract Tower Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, FAA; and Kenneth R. Mead, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ISSUES**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 587, amended, to amend title 40, United States Code, to add Ashtabula, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties, Ohio, to the Appalachian region; H.R. 3118, to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia; H.R. 1274, amended, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county; H.R. 1702, to designate the Federal building which is to be constructed at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building," and a measure reauthorizing the prehazard mitigation program.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Emergency Preparedness Issues. Testimony was heard from Ron Castleman, Chief Operating Officer, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Chad Berginnis, Supervisor, Division of Water, Department of Natural Resources, State of Ohio; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider Committee business.

GLOBAL HUMINT STRATEGIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Global HUMINT Strategies. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

JOINT INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security and the Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a joint hearing on Joint Inquiry Recommendations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "Disease Surveillance Systems: How Can They Help the Nation Prepare for Bioterrorism?" Testimony was heard from Joseph Henderson, Associate Director, Terrorism Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet Heinrich, Director, Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to continue hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2004 supplemental request for Iraq and Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine ongoing operations and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism initiatives in the terror finance program, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine scientific and medical advances in the field of in utero surgery, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Eugene Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Pamela P. Willeford, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and James Casey Kenny, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Ireland, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to reauthorize the Head Start program, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1451, to reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act, S. 1293, to criminalize the sending of predatory and abusive e-mail, S. 1580, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, S. Res. 209, recognizing and honoring Woodstock, Vermont, native Hiram Powers for his extraordinary and enduring contributions to American sculpture, S. Res. 222, designating October 17, 2003, as "National Mammography Day", S. Res. 98, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week of October 12, 2003, through October 18, 2003, as "National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week", and the nominations of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Carlos T. Bea, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Marcia A. Crone, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Phillip S. Figa, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, William Q. Hayes, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, John A. Houston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Robert Clive Jones, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Ronald A. White, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and John Francis Bardelli, to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on United States policy and operations in Iraq, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the following: H.R. 3076, Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2003; H.R. 3077, International Studies in Higher Education Act of 2003; H.R. 3030, Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003; and H. Con. Res. 282, honoring the life of Johnny Cash, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Freddie Mac: Accounting Standards Issues Raised in the Doty Report," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for

testimony in connection with the Committee's investigation into the financial collapse of HealthSouth Corporation, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on the following: H.R. 2575, Secondary Mortgage Market Enterprises Regulatory Improvement Act; and the Administration's proposals on GSE regulation, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following measures: H.R. 1151, to provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities; H.R. 1231, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; H.R. 3054, District of Columbia Military Retirement Equity Act of 2003; H. Con. Res. 273, recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions; and the Government Network Security Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H. Res. 364, Of inquiry requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this resolution the report prepared for the Joint Chiefs of Staff entitled "Operation Iraqi Freedom Strategic Lessons Learned;" and documents in his possession on the reconstruction and security of post-war Iraq; a measure to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; H. Con. Res. 274, commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy; H.R. 2264m Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act of 2003; H. Res. 372, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives in response to the murder of Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh; and H. Res. 356, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the man-made famine that occurred in Ukraine 1932-1933, 1:30 p.m., and to hold a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq, 4 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "The Future of Rural Telecommunications: Is the Universal Service Fund Sustainable?" 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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